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RICHARD R. GODING,
late of Livermore, deceased, represent, solvent, do hereby give notice that six months from the 24th day of November, A. D. 1846, are allowed to said creditors to bring in and prove their claims; and that we shall attend to the office of R. Washburn, in Livermore, on Saturday, the third day of April next, and Saturday, the fifteenth day of May next, at one o'clock P. M. on each of said days.

REUEL WASHBURN, } Commissioners.
ISRAEL WASHBURN, }
Livermore, December 5th, 1846. 35

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NOTICE is hereby given that the President and Directors of the ATLANTIC AND ST. LAWRENCE RAIL ROAD COMPANY have made a second assessment of Five Dollars on each and every share subscribed for and taken on the capital stock of said Company, and that said assessment will be due and payable to the Treasurer of the Company, at his office in Portland, on the FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY next.

CHAS. E. BARRETT, Treasurer.

of the A. & S. L. R. Co. 1846

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Wanted immediately.

THE subscriber would respectfully notify some of his friends and customers that he is in want of a little Cash, for which long standing accounts will be marked "PAID," and credited out. For further particulars call at the Bankers and inquire of B. WALTON.

Paris Hill, Dec. 20, 1846. 1734

P. S. Hope some folks will take the hint.

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Morbid state of the Liver and Stomach, Head-

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THE ARMY OF MEXICO.

Concerning the reports that Santa Anna was within four days' march of Saltillo with an army of 15,000, and that Gen. Worth was falling back in the direction of Monterey, the New Orleans Mercury of the evening of January 2 has the following remarks:—

"The advices from the invading army, which we publish in another column, and the position and manner in which our forces are known to be disposed, are well calculated to create anxiety, if not apprehension. Santa Anna appears to be moving with a boldness and tact that were hardly expected, and if he have nearly the force that is reported, he is abundantly able to make a descent upon one or the other of the detached posts held by our troops, and by superiority of numbers cutting it to pieces. Gen. Worth's command at Saltillo, though not so far from success as the division under Gen. Wool, is the point directly threatened, as the destruction of that would involve also the destruction of Gen. Wool cutting off his communications. This position of the advance posts respectively were: General Butler at Monterey with about 2000 men; Gen. Worth at Saltillo with about 1700; Gen. Wool at Parras with about 3000. The two latter places are west of the mountains.

"That Santa Anna has made the movement indicated there is no reason to doubt, but many to believe. A gentleman in this city received a letter a few days since from an officer in General Wool's army, mentioning that a rumor had reached that camp of Santa Anna's advance, and it is probable that Santa Anna is well informed of the comparatively small forces at the several posts in possession of the Americans, and of their being widely scattered. In possession of this information, a rapid march to Saltillo and taking possession of that place would cut off communications between Gen. Wool's column and the forces immediately under the command of Gen. Taylor. Gen. Wool's camp at Parras is west, and a few points, north of Saltillo, 115 miles distant; San Luis Potosi is almost directly south of Saltillo, the great road from San Luis Potosi to Saltillo passing a short distance east of General Wool's camp.

If Santa Anna took this road, General Wool would be apprised of the advance of the enemy in sufficient time to break up his camp and join General Worth at Saltillo; but there is a road marked on the maps from Zacatecas to Saltillo direct, which is probably the road preferred by the Mexican Chief, and should he succeed in reaching Saltillo before General Worth could be well reinforced, it is possible the place may have to be evacuated, as no force of consequence could be spared from the garrison at Monterey.

The brigades of Generals Quitman and Briggs left Monterey for Victoria on the 13th, and, therefore, had been four days on the march before the express arrived at Monterey, and no considerable force was stationed at any of the points between Monterey and the Rio Grande. By the last advices, two regiments had been ordered from Camargo to join General Wool but they could, at the time Santa Anna's movement became known, have scarcely reached Saltillo.

Notwithstanding this apparently inauspicious posture of affairs, we do not indulge any lively apprehensions. The utmost confidence is to be placed both in the watchfulness and skill of the accomplished officers who command, and we have no question they would be able to anticipate the movements of the enemy in time to prepare properly for his reception. As the reports of Santa Anna's advance reached Gen. Wool's camp so early, it is not impossible the latter may have effected a junction with Gen. Worth, in which case we should count both to be safe, whatever force the Mexicans might number. Should the companies en route from Camargo have reached Saltillo, the force of Gen. Worth would be increased to 2400; and at the worst we believe he would be able to hold out till he could be further strengthened. We shall look for the next accounts, therefore, with great interest, but not with fear of any serious disaster."

Mr. Fowler, who left Saltillo on the 17th of Dec., tells the N. O. Delta that when General Worth's spies came in with the information of Santa Anna's approach, he

"immediately sent an express to General Taylor, which reached him at Victoria at 12 o'clock, P. M., on the 17th; and at 5 o'clock, A. M., the next day, General Taylor dispatched two regiments, the Kentucky and Tennessee volunteers to reinforce Gen. Worth at Saltillo, intending to follow himself as soon as possible with all his disposable force. General Taylor felt confident of his being able to arrive at Saltillo before Santa Anna could reach there. The whole force of General Taylor would then amount to about 10,000 men, which he considered sufficient to cope with any force that Santa Anna could bring against him."

A gentleman writing from Matamoros Dec. 23, says the express which reached there the day before brought no despatches to confirm the news; and was certain that Gen. Patterson had not changed his route to Victoria, with the force under his command, as he probably would have done if Santa Anna was advancing towards Saltillo with the force represented.

The brig Millaudon, Capt. Welsh, and C. H. Rogers, Capt. Wilson, arrived yesterday from Tampico, both having sailed on the 25th Dec. five days later than our previous advices. No Mexican troops had been seen in the vicinity for eight days. The number of troops at Tampico on the 25th Dec. was 1800. The remainder of the Alabama regiment had arrived from Brazos Santiago on the brig Hallowell—N. O. Eve Mercury, 2d.

LATER.

SANTA ANNA NEAR SALTILLO. The U. S. steamer Edith has arrived at New Orleans. She left Brazos 30th ult., and brings a confirmation of the reported advance of Santa Anna with a large force upon Saltillo. The Mexican army was reported nearly 30,000 strong.

General Taylor was only six or eight miles on his march to Victoria when General Worth's express reached Monterey. The troops under Twiggs and Quitman were but 12 miles in advance. Orders were immediately issued to this division to retreat their steps, and proceed immediately to Saltillo. General Butler had already marched with all the troops he could col-

lect, to join Gen. Worth. Gen. Lane started for Saltillo with his command on the 20th. March shall set out the next morning with the remainder of the force.

Except Hunter and Swartwout's command, the troops from Camargo are rushing on to forced marches to Saltillo in time for the battle.

Reports had prevailed, before positive advices were received, of the movements of Santa Anna. Gen. Wool was only ninety miles from Saltillo at last advices. It was supposed he would join Worth in season to assist in repelling the enemy.

A rumor that Santa Anna had thrown 17,000 men between Worth and Taylor, to prevent a junction of the American forces, was not credited.

An impression prevailed among the passengers in the Edith, that a battle was fought about the 25th. It was thought, however, that the American forces above mentioned had reached Saltillo before that time. If so, Gens. Taylor and Worth had about 7,000 men to oppose Santa Anna's army, which was believed to have been overrated.

MEXICAN TREASURY. As late as the 27th of Nov. there were no regular troops stationed at the city of Mexico, a few cities—untrained militia—being the entire force to defend it. Arista was there in retirement.

All kinds of business was dull in Mexico, while a general stagnation of trade pervaded every portion of the country. The only artisans or mechanics who had any work were the gunsmiths—they were busy night and day, in every town and city.

Old machetes—short, straight swords with which the Indians under Hidalgo fought the Spaniards during the revolution—were being sharpened, and every old musket was undergoing repairs.

American deserters are scattered through the country, and are represented as in a most deplorable condition. No less than twenty-five had reached the city of Mexico in a most wretched plight, were begging from door to door and were being treated with contempt by all. Eight had reached as far south as Orizava, and a little work had been given them at a factory to keep them from actual starvation.

GREAT FLOOD AT DAYTON OHIO. On the 14th inst. a tremendous rise of water took place at Dayton, which flooded the lower part of the city, and swept away a very large amount of property. As usual, upon such occasions, the estimate of damages differs widely, ranging from \$100,000 to 1,000,000. It was supposed that several persons had perished, but a single body of a drowned child was the only one which had been recovered.

The alarm was given about two o'clock, A. M., and the editor of the Daytonian, who with his family, was roused from his slumbers and warned to flee, as the water was rising 12 inches to the hour, the Miami having overflowed the levee above the city, and washed away about 60 yards of it, gives the following description of it.

The streets were crowded with men women and children, some of whom were seeking shelter from the more favored ones, in the higher part of the town—and others were standing in groups, mutely and sorrowfully watching the furious swelling current, as it rolled down the over-looked banks of the canal, bearing upon its trodden bosom, the buoyant materials deposited upon its banks, such as lumber, staves, &c. &c.—others upon horse-back, riding their animals at the top of their speed, in different directions, warning the slumbering inhabitants of their danger, taking women and children from those dwellings entirely surrounded by water, and informing persons where their labor would be useful in securing property.

From Rio Janeiro. Proposition has been made from the province of Paraguary to English and French governments to acknowledge their independence, in which case they will agree to furnish 30,000 troops to fight against Rosas. War between Brazil and Rosas is considered by some as being nearly if not quite decided.

Should Paraguary assert her independence, with the approval of England and France, some of the other provinces will soon follow her example, which will do more to settle the difficulties in the River Plate than all the foreign forces that have as yet or will probably be sent by the intervening powers.

The general opinion is that the question will be soon settled, but in the meantime preparations were making for the opening campaign, in which many think Brazil will take a part in alliance with Paraguary.

Odd. A strange occurrence took place in one of the French provinces a short time since. A Frenchman, who in 1812 had gone with Napoleon to Russia, and was long since believed dead, suddenly returned. His wife had meantime been married to three other husbands, and had just buried the last of them, when her first husband returned from Russia, and she began married life once more anew, and under happy auspices.

A Native. The best anti-slavery one years argument that we have heard of, was employed by an Irishman in New York the other day. "And doesn't Professor Bush say that the matter that makes up our bodies changes over in seven years? Well, it is more or nine years since I came to America! What if I had an Irish carcass then—I must have Native one by this time, made on the soil!"

THE RAIL ROAD. Five Hundred Thousand dollars is the sum total of the stock to be subscribed for on the Kennebec. Of this amount something over four Hundred Thousand Dollars is actually subscribed. Should the remainder be subscribed which is promised, of which there is not the least doubt, the subscriptions will considerably exceed the amount demanded. There is to be a meeting of the Directors at Brunswick next week. The road is to undergo a partial survey in order to secure the best route, and measures immediately taken to put the road under contract.

[Bath Tribune.]

WAR DEBATE.

JANUARY 7th.

IN SENATE. Mr. Benton from the Committee on Military Affairs reported a Bill to encourage enlistments in the regular army. The first section provides that the troops be enlisted for the war or the term of five years; and the second, that each recruit shall have a bounty of twelve dollars—six dollars of which shall be reserved till the recruit shall join his regiment.

Mr. Benton stated that these provisions would be believed, have the immediate effect to fill up the ranks. The actual force was now 11,500. Five thousand more were necessary to fill up the ranks.

Mr. Crittenden said, as now advised he should vote for the bill. He was very anxious to see an end to this war. The best mode would be to adopt such means as were now proposed.

There was another way—to wit, to fall back on a portion which we take, and let the Mexicans make war on us. But this would leave it in doubt when the war would be ended. He wished he could be convinced this was the most effectual mode. But however deplorable was the continuance of the war, he must say that, in his opinion, the only way to obtain a peace was to carry on a vigorous war—to adopt the boldest measures—and vote for the most ample supplies of men and money.

Mr. Archer said, an opportunity was desired by Senators to express their opinions on the war. He for one wished to say, whatever was his opinion as to the origin of the war, he was prepared to vote for all means to carry it on. But he was not prepared to judge as to the best course to be pursued, in order to sustain the war.

He would be guided in opinion by the judgment of officers of the army in command. He doubted whether it was the best mode to obtain peace to march our armies to the Hills of the Montezumas.

He did not consider that the best mode of prosecuting the war. He was pledged to a cordial support of the war, but not to any particular mode of carrying it on.

Mr. Crittenden said his aim was honorable peace—not the "Halls of the Montezumas," or any "breaks" there.

The bill was passed, at once, through all its stages, and goes to the House for concurrence.

The above article is an abstract of a debate in the U. S. Senate on the War Bill, copied from the correspondence of the Journal of Commerce. The day following, January 8, an interesting debate took place in the House, upon the same general subject. Had we room we would copy it entire.

Mr. Toombs of Ga. (who) opposed the annexation of any territory in New Mexico or California, if slavery is to be restricted in it.

Mr. Tibbatts of Ky. contended for the right of the South to extend slavery into territory that may be acquired, south of the Missouri Compromise line of 36 30'. The South would adhere to the compromise;—no Southern man was disposed to disturb it. He did not believe, however, any Southern man would ever carry a slave into any portion of the acquired territory even south of the compromise line.

Mr. T. was for closing the war as speedily as possible, consistently with the honor of the country; declared that not the President but the House of Representatives, made the war, and that Congress alone had power to stop it. The President, he said, had no option in the matter—it was bound to go on until his hand was stayed by the House. "We made the war," said Mr. T. "by voting for its declaration; and we continued the war by voting for its supplies."

Mr. T. was opposed to direct taxes, or a duty upon tea and coffee, but he would tax the vices of the country—the distilleries and the spirits; then he would tax the luxuries—plate, furniture, pleasure carriages, gold watches, &c. Next, if money lenders would not loan their money to carry on the war, he would tax the money lenders—the money in their hands. By these means and a slight change in the revenue laws, we could raise money enough to prosecute the most vigorous measures for the termination of the war.

CONGRESS.

ANOTHER SENATOR DEAD!

IN SENATE, on Tuesday, Jan. 12, Mr. Archer of Virginia, announced the death of his colleague, Isaac W. Pennington. The usual resolutions were adopted, and the senate adjourned.

IN HOUSE, Mr. J. R. Ingelsoll moved to suspend the rules for one hour to receive petitions Lost.

In the committee of the whole, Mr. Hopkins in the chair, the bill to establish a territorial government in Oregon was taken up. The bill was amended as to permit all persons to vote at the first territorial election who have declared their intention to become citizens of the U. S.; also, so amended as to prohibit banking in the territory.

An amendment sustaining the Missouri compromise regarding slavery, was supported by Mr. Hamlin, Me., who believed it necessary in order to prevent the introduction of slavery into the territory.

Without taking any question on the amendment, the committee rose and reported progress.

A message was received from the senate announcing the death of Senator Pennington.

Mr. McDowell, of Virginia, made an eloquent and impressive address.

The customary resolutions were adopted. Adjourned.

The funeral took place on Wednesday.

PRINTING FOR CONGRESS.

The proposals were opened on Saturday, and it is said that the offer of Messrs. Winkle and Van Bentheysen of Albany, has been accepted. The Intelligence says the terms offered are so low that little or nothing will be made by the contractors.

"What branch of education do you have, chiefly, in your school?" "A willow branch, sir; the master has used up almost a whole willow tree."

A PRECEDENT OF '94 FOR THE MEXICAN WAR.

The course of President Polk, in relation to the war with Mexico has an illustrious precedent in the conduct of President Washington in the war with Tripoli in 1794, which we have not seen referred to. In consequence of the depredations of the Algerine states upon the commerce of the United States, President Washington, without the authority of Congress, fitted out an expedition against Tripoli.

The President subsequently communicated to Congress the state of affairs, and the acts of hostility on the part of Tripoli, constituting acts of war, and on the 27th of March, 1794, Congress passed an act which declares that, "whereas the depredations committed by the Algerine corsairs on the commerce of the United States render it necessary that a naval force should be provided for its protection," and then goes on to authorize the President to raise the necessary force, at the same time recognizing the actual state of war, by the acts of Tripoli, without declaring war on the part of the United States, but providing in the ninth section "that if a peace shall take place between the United States and the regency of Algiers, no further proceeding shall be had under this act."

There was no declaration of war by the Barbary States against the United States, but merely acts of depredation, similar to those of Mexico against the United States. Less in fact, on the part of Algiers, in the breach of public faith and threatened invasion, than on the part of Mexico. What did President Washington do? He fitted out an expedition against Tripoli before Congress could act upon the subject. He communicated to that body the hostile acts of the Barbary States, and upon that Congress, without declaring war enacted that war existed by the hostile acts of these States, and provided means of attack to be used until peace should take place. Under that act the war was conducted by the President and our gallant naval heroes to a glorious termination. And if President Washington and the Congress of 1794 were right President Polk and the Congress of 1846 are right now in regard to Mexico. [Boston Post.]

WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE TARIFF? This great hobby of Federalism—the tariff question—or rather the Tariff of '42—seems really to have faded and made no sign. It appears to be utterly forgotten and lost sight of. Even the Federalists, after a few desperate efforts to keep it before the people, tired of rolling the stone uphill only to let it roll down farther, have given up the subject in despair. They see the country prospering and happy—coal higher than ever before, iron commanding the best prices, and manufactures of all sorts flourishing beyond example—and they have no disposition to toil in the work of panic and alarm in the face of these unspeakable facts. They find it won't do either, to say that it is but the fault of the new tariff that this is so, for every little cloud that appears on the business horizon, is charged by them to that cause; and it is a queer rule that will not work both ways. Those who have paid so much attention to this subject in the hope that it would furnish them with political capital, will find that the harvest is but tares, and that the nation is resolved to be happy in defiance of all their efforts. [Pennsylvania.]

MESMERISM. We never saw the effect of Mesmerism displayed more fully to the satisfaction of its believers, than on Wednesday last. A young lady was afflicted with an aching tooth; but being timid, dreaded the operation of extracting it. She was willing, however, to have it withdrawn, while in a mesmeric sleep. Not more than two minutes were employed to render her unconscious of sense about her, except her unconscious will of the mesmeriser. The physician withdrew the tooth, it requiring more strength than before. Not a limb moved, or a muscle quivered. She remained in the sleepy state some ten minutes after the operation—conversing meantime with the mesmeriser. On being questioned, (after the operation) she related to have the tooth withdrawn, and declined to have the physician sent for. She was completely under the will of the mesmeriser. Standing behind her, he noislessly ate a piece of apple, when she went through the motions, saying she was eating apple. A piece of cake which he ate, she described as tasting like sugar—slippery elm puzzled her for a moment, but then she said it did not taste like much of anything but wax. She refused to spit the blood from her mouth, but when he did, she yielded, though continually saying, with increased earnestness, that she would not do it any more. Several other trials were made of her mesmeric sensibilities with entire success. When the influence was withdrawn, she was asked if she would have her tooth out? she burst into a hearty laugh, saying it was already done, as she missed it at once. She said she knew nothing of the transaction, felt no pain, and no soreness in her face. Indeed her deportment under the operation evinced that, for no one with their senses awake could have stood the wrenching of those frightful forceps, before the tooth yielded, without some involuntary movement, or exclamation; much less a timid young woman, afraid of the sight of a doctor. It was a very successful experiment for the believers in mesmerism. [Argus.]

THE GREAT MEDICAL DISCOVERY. The most eminent solicitor on patents at Washington, and also Messrs Webster, Choate, and the other legal advisers retained by the patentees, have, we understand from a source to be relied on, given their decided opinions in favor of the novelty of the invention made by Drs. Morton and Jackson of this city, by which pain is prevented in surgical operations, and the entire validity of the patents granted by the United States. We also learn that Drs. Warren, Haywood, C. T. Jackson and Morton, each positively denies that this extraordinary invention was ever made known to them by any person prior to its discovery by Drs. Morton and Jackson in this city. [Boston Post.]

The New Orleans Bulletin says Henry Clay has received from different quarters of the Union

striking testimonials of approbation and good will and that Mr. Polk has never received and never will receive like testimonials. One thing, though, that Clay would be glad to exchange for it all his pitchforks, oil carpers, bats, suits of clothes, Jersey oysters, and riding whips—and we think he would cheerfully throw into the bargain the whigs who nominated Harrison.

FROM NEW MEXICO.—Rumored Defeat of the Dragoons. A gentleman of this city, connected with the army, has furnished us with the following extract from a letter received from Fort Leavenworth, by the last mail. If true, the news is painfully important. The letter says:—"We have accounts from Santa Fe to November 15th. Capt. Burgwin, with the dragoons and also three companies of Col. Doniphan's regiments, have gone below to the assistance of the traders. There is a rumor that 60 dragoons have been defeated by the Navajo Indians. Lieut. Noble, of the dragoons, writes that he fears and believes, the rumor is true." [St. Louis Republican, Dec. 30.]

Down East Eloquence. A man Down East, who has occasionally been employed as a country schoolmaster, in speaking of the place where he lived, said—"I have lived to see the wilderness blossom as the rose, the village church spire gladden in the rays of the morning sun, and one night the stream rose twenty feet and carried away my mill, which cost one thousand dollars."

Western Eloquence. A sprig of the law out West, in defending a man for assault and battery, addressed the jury in the following eloquent strain:—"Gentlemen of the jury: notwithstanding the sagacious gentleman browse upon the mountain top and the humble ass crop the thistle of the valley, yet believe me, the defendant at this bar, my client, is not guilty."

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, JANUARY 19, 1847.

"The Union—It must be preserved."

CONGRESS WAKING UP.

The reported advance of Santa Anna upon our troops at Saltillo, seems to have opened the slumbering eyelids of Congress. On the strength of that report, or some other cause, the House has by a very large vote passed the bill authorizing the raising of ten additional regiments for the regular army. This is well, so far as it goes; but action should not stop here. Means as well as men must be furnished promptly, and with a liberal hand. The country has already suffered much from the unnecessary delay of Congress. Precious time has been lost—time on which may hang the most momentous consequences, has been spent in giving "aid and comfort" to the enemy. The country now requires action, prompt, decisive and vigorous action on the part of the representatives—not words. Already has more than one third of the session been spent, and with the exception of this bill, not a single legislative measure looking to the successful prosecution of the war has been passed. This is wrong—decidedly wrong. The House should have long since awakened from the lethargy into which, from what cause we know not, they have fallen, and manfully sustained the administration in the prosecution of the war, by voting men and means. The country expected, and had a right to expect this at its hands. The administration has not, in any way, come short of its whole duty in the prosecution of the war. It has availed itself of all the means placed in its hands with a success altogether unlooked for and undreamed of. The conquest of the immense territory we have conquered; the victorious advance of our army into Mexico; the establishment of our great base line of operations, both by land and sea, including the possession of Mexican ports and strongholds, are facts presenting not a conclusive proof that the administration has used all its means of action to the best possible advantage. Moreover, the whole country was absolutely taken by surprise by the cooperative smallness of the amount of expenditure already incurred, and the limited estimates submitted by the Executive for the further prosecution of hostilities. The Federalists themselves now bring no charge of extravagance of the administration in the conduct of the war; and by this time, Mr. Webster must have become heartily ashamed of his famous statement of "half a million a day."

Among the Democratic members it is said there is not a single man who declares himself an opponent of the war. They all agree as one man that the war should be carried on with vigor, to the end that it may be successful and short. The war is admitted to be just and necessary, and waged for the purpose of bringing home to a semi-barbarous nation a just sense of our rights and our honor, and thereby to secure peace and indemnity at once prompt and honorable. Why, then, in the name of justice, do not the majority in Congress enter into this work with as firm a determination as has the Executive? Why do they not let incidental and collateral issues alone and go efficiently to work in aid of an administration whom they themselves have charged with the momentous responsibility of sustaining in war the rights, the interests and the honor of the land? Every motive of justice, of policy, and most of all of humanity, calls for action prompt, decided and vigorous action, until the glorious vigor of our arms shall extort from the enemy a just indemnity, and an honorable peace.

The Report of Hon. Caleb Cushing to the Legislature of Massachusetts, in favor of appropriating \$20,000 in aid of the volunteers from that State, has been published. He has presented a complete and lucid statement of the facts bearing upon the question, and clearly indicates the line of honor, duty and patriotism which Massachusetts ought to pursue in relation to the subject.

Mrs. Drummond, the Quaker preacher, was asked whether the spirit had ever inspired her with the thought of getting married? "No, friend," said she "but the flesh has!"

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

Gov. Briggs, of Massachusetts, says in his recent message that "the institution of slavery preceded the existence of the Federal Constitution. That Constitution leaves it where it found it, a State institution. As a compromise it did confer political power upon the States which held slaves, by reason of their slaves; but it was intended that that power should be extended beyond the States who were parties to that compromise." Now, says the Boston Post, we are clearly of opinion that by the compromise of the Constitution the States that held slaves were deprived of political power by reason of their slaves; and such was the opinion of the leading men of Massachusetts, publicly expressed in the Convention of this State held for ratifying the Federal Constitution. A reference to those debates will show the fact. Were those slaves declared to be free, after the manner in which Mexico has freed her slaves, yet invested with no right of suffrage, no political power, and fixed by law to a particular plantation, the South would gain fifteen Representatives in Congress under the present apportionment. Surely it is an utter perversion of facts an utter falsification of history to assert that the slave compromise conferred political power upon the slave States.

ARREST OF A PASSER OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—In the Police Court yesterday, says the Boston Post of the 15th inst., a most unmitigated green 'un, named Jason Morrill, was brought up by Constable Clapp for having in his possession 120 counterfeit bills, with intent to pass the same as true. In the morning Morrill bought 50 cents worth of marking types from David Derby, who keeps a stand at the lower end of Quincy market, and offered in payment a counterfeit \$10 bill on the Kingston Bank, N. Y. Mr. Derby showed the bill to the bystanders, and it was unanimously voted to be a bad one. Morrill said he received the bill among some money which he had taken for a horse which he had sold, and that he had no other money about him. Mr. Derby claimed the right to keep the bill till he had been paid for his types, and Morrill said he would go to his boarding house and get some money. He started accordingly, followed by one of the bystanders, who kept on his trail as far as Hanover street, where he stopped, looked round to see if he was watched, took a roll of bills out of his pocket, selected one from the roll, returned the rest to his pocket, and "bust ship" for the market. In the meantime, a messenger had been sent for Mr. Clapp, and he and Morrill arrived at Derby's stand about the same time. Mr. Clapp allowed him to take back from Mr. D. the bad ten spot, and then took him into a place near by, and searched him, finding upon him 117 counterfeit ones on the Vergennes Bank, Vt., and three tens on the Kingston Bank, N. Y. He said that, by the advice of a friend, he obtained the bills of a woman in Canada, N. H., giving for them a silver watch worth \$10, and \$2 in gold money. He was committed for trial in the Municipal Court. Morrill says he belongs in Peru, in this County.

The New Hampshire Patriot has published an abstract of ninety-five cases of *resistance, robbery and outrage*, perpetrated by the Mexican authorities upon the persons and property of American citizens. The official documents on file in the State Department at Washington were examined and from them all these cases were obtained, which constitute the evidence fully justifying the government in prosecuting the war against Mexico.

The bill appropriating \$100,000 in aid of the New York volunteers has been taken in the Assembly of that State, because the Whig majority coupled with it a preamble censuring the administration, for which the Democrats could not vote.

Richard M. Young, formerly a Senator of the United States, has been appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, Commissioner of the Land Office, in place of Gen. Shields.

TO THE SICK AND AFFLICTED.

Dear Sir,—I take pleasure in communicating through you, to all who it may concern, and the public generally, the astonishing effect of your truly wonderful medicine has had upon me. I have enjoyed perfect health for four or five years. Physicians told me my liver was diseased, and that I might come down with consumption. Last September, 1875, I took a slight cold, which produced a hacking cough; this continued until February, 1876, when I added another cold; my cough increased, I was fast my appetite, and my strength failed. For six weeks I could not get upon my side, I slept very much at night, raised considerable blood during the night, and could not speak a word for two weeks. With all these bad symptoms, I had very severe pain in my side and between my shoulders, general debility followed. I was obliged to use my strength eight weeks. I had a sister and brother, both with Consumption. I expected to die myself. Friends also despaired of my life. At this time an uncle, who had been benefited by your medicine, advised me to take

Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry. I accordingly procured a bottle, took it, and felt some better; obtained another, and a third; then I ceased to bleed, and my cough was much better; and my disease was so deeply rooted, I was obliged to continue taking the Balsam until I had taken seven bottles. I can honestly and truly say, I believe Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry saved my life.

MRS. MARY B. GOULD. We are personally acquainted with Mrs. Gould, as stated in taking care of her during her sickness, and believe the above statement to be true.

MRS. P. C. PRISCOTT.
MRS. S. A. BACHELDER.
No. 12, Commercial Street
Boston, Mass., Sept. 12, 1875.

MARRIED.

In Rumford, 31st ult., by Rev. J. Luffin, Mr. Livestrong H. Hall, of Rumford, to Miss Mary A. Miller, of Lowell, Mass.

In Portland, 11th inst., by Rev. Mr. Pratt, Mr. Edw. Finney, Editor and Publisher of the Norway Advertiser, to Miss Mary E. Norton, of Portland.

In Hingham, 10th inst., by Rev. L. W. Harris, Mr. Jeremiah A. Kimball, to Miss Mary H. Kinslow.

In Dover, James H. Dudley, Esq., of Boston, to Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hunt, of Dover.

DIED.

In Rumford, 31st ult., Mrs. Polly, wife of Mr. Daniel Carr, aged 70 years.

In Weybridge, Vt., 20th ult., Mrs. Eleanor Wright, the widow of the late Silas Wright, of that place, and mother of Hon. Silas Wright, late Governor of New York, aged 85 years. The husband, father of Governor Wright, died at the same place, in May, 1843, aged 84 years; the couple having lived together as husband and wife 61 years.

The New Store, STEEP FALLS, NORWAY, REOPENED.

THE subscribers having refitted the Store at Steep Falls, Norway, recently occupied by Messrs. A. G. DAVIS & CO., are now opening an entire

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Their Stock embraces a great variety of Goods, both as to quality and price, and they do not intend to be undersold by any trader in the County. They do not expect to give character to their establishment by offering a few common articles at cheap rates, so much as to give the uniform good quality and cheapness of the whole. Their Stock embraces to great a variety to attempt an enumeration of the articles; but the Goods are cheap, and they are to be sold, both at WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty seven.

ON the Petition of EPHRAIM ROWE, Administrator of the estate of Ephraim Rowe, late of Oxford, in said County, deceased, representing that the personal estate of said deceased is not sufficient to pay the just debts which he owed at the time of his death by the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars, and therefore praying that License may be granted him to sell and convey so much of the real estate of said deceased as may be necessary for the payment of said debts and incidental charges.

It was Ordered, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the second day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

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